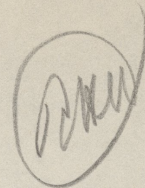


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-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: 127th Psalm

It isn't very long now until you will get another vacation, and I do hope this is going to be a splendid quarter for every student in college. It depends altogether upon what you do with it, young folks. Life has in it just what we put in it. Your success or failure depends upon you, individually. I want you to make a good record. So far the college record this year has been an unusually good one. It has often been our experience to have our discipline trouble right toward the close of the college year. I do hope we won't have any this year. I congratulate you upon the splendid record you have made. It is a great satisfaction to me, as President of the college, to go through a year in which there is no serious case of discipline. We went through one last year and again this year, up till now. When people ask me about the youth of today and their standards and purposes, and I am asked that repeatedly, and not long ago by members of the General Assembly, I tell them about the splendid record made here this year and last year. No further arguments are needed to convince them that our young people are working with the right objects in view. I do hope and pray that we can go through this year with a clean record so far as serious cases of discipline are concerned. We do not want to lose a one and I don't believe we are going to, because I think I understand the spirit of this student body. Use your influence with those who are inclined to go seeking amusements that are not in keeping with the spirit of the institution, and help them to control themselves; for after all, it is self control, the inhibitions that one practices, that gives one the strength of character to carry on through life.

There is just one other thing I want to call to your attention this morning, entirely different. I presume you are reading the papers. Will Rogers

says "all I know is what I read in the papers." He knows a lot if he knows all that,--  
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and a lot that isn't true. The papers right now are intensely interesting to those  
who live in North Carolina. The General Assembly has been in session longer, contin-  
uously, than ever before in North Carolina. Not from the very beginning, Colonial  
days till now, has it ever stayed in session this long. The Senate seems to object  
to every thing the House does, and the House seems to object to everything the Senate  
does. The Senate killed the General Sales Tax, and by a majority of two the Luxury  
tax was defeated, and now we don't know what they will do. The Joint Appropriations  
Committee fixed upon amounts for state institutions, and the House Committee met and  
cut that down, and now we don't know what they are going to do about that. Regardless  
of what they do it is an interesting piece of history that is going to be made in North  
Carolina. We are going to look back for years and years and speak of this "Session of  
1931". I believe that these people are striving to find a solution to the problems  
that confront us as a State. The multitude of interests that are in a great state  
like ours are all represented and all must be considered by the Lawmaking body of our  
State. The men and women in the General Assembly are constantly being accused of trying  
to do this and that---- I don't take much stock in that. I believe they are honestly  
trying to find the solution to our problems. I don't know what they are going to do  
nor do they, but when they do take some final action it seems to me that it behooves  
us to take the result of their deliberations and put it in operation. They have said  
some unkind things about teachers, it is true, but they have said unkind things about  
almost every occupation. It isn't a bad thing for people to be reasonably thick-skinned  
when it comes to public matters. I believe the people who constitute this General  
Assembly are honestly trying to find a solution to our problem and I am glad that I  
can say that, and that I believe every word of it. It is very interesting; I want  
you to keep up with it. History is being made in Raleigh.